

# SPICe Fact Sheet

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### **Scottish Parliament committees: current committees, remits and membership**

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This Fact Sheet lists the remit and membership of all current committees in the Scottish Parliament. It is arranged alphabetically by the name of the committee and includes the committee type, remit, convenership and membership. It also lists the membership of the Conveners' Group.

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Committee type	Abbreviation
Mandatory committee	M
Subject committee	S

Party	Abbreviation
Reform UK	Reform
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	Con
Scottish Green Party	Green
Scottish Labour	Lab
Scottish Liberal Democrats	LD
Scottish National Party	SNP
Independent	Ind

## Conveners' Group

The Conveners' Group provides an informal forum where Committee Conveners can meet to discuss matters of mutual interest and to facilitate liaison between the Committees, the Parliamentary Bureau and the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

Under Rule 6A.3.1 of the [Standing Orders](#) the Presiding Officer convenes and chairs meetings of the Conveners Group. The Presiding Officer can delegate their functions to convene and chair the Conveners Group to a Deputy Presiding Officer under Rule 3.1.5.

**Remit:** The Group handles a range of matters, for example:

- (a) approval of travel by committees or committee members
- (b) approval of meetings of committees outside Edinburgh
- (c) consideration of the biannual programme of committee meetings
- (d) endorsement of funding for civic participation events and external research
- (e) making recommendations to the Bureau on committee business to be scheduled in the Chamber.

**Convener:** Kenneth Gibson (NPA)

### Members:

Karen Adam (SNP)  
Neil Bibby (Lab)  
Bob Doris (SNP)  
Katie Hagmann (SNP)  
Patrick Harvie (Green)  
Claire Haughey (SNP)  
Craig Hoy (Con)  
Calum Kerr (SNP)  
Duncan Massey (Reform)  
Helen McDade (Reform)

Stuart McMillan (SNP)  
Jenny Minto (SNP)  
Willie Rennie (LD)  
Mark Ruskell (Green)  
Alyn Smith (SNP)  
Paul Sweeney (Lab)

## List of Committees

### Climate Action Committee (S)

**Remit:** To consider and report on matters within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Rural Affairs, with the exception of rural affairs.

**Convenor:** Stuart McMillan (SNP)

**Deputy Convenor:** (Green)

**Members:**

**Substitute members:**

### Criminal Justice Committee (S)

**Remit:** To consider and report on matters relating to criminal justice falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Justice, and functions of the Lord Advocate other than as head of the systems of criminal prosecution and investigation of deaths in Scotland.

**Convenor:** Alyn Smith (SNP)

**Deputy Convenor:** (SNP)

**Members:**

**Substitute members:**

### Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (M)

**Remit:** to consider and report on the following (and any additional matter added under Rule 6.1.5A) —

(a) any—

(i) subordinate legislation laid before the Parliament or requiring the consent of the Parliament under section 9 of the Public Bodies Act 2011;

(ii) [deleted]

(iii) pension or grants motion as described in Rule 8.11A.1; and, in particular, to determine whether the attention of the Parliament should be drawn to any of the matters mentioned in Rule 10.3.1;

- (b) proposed powers to make subordinate legislation in particular Bills or other proposed legislation;
- (c) general questions relating to powers to make subordinate legislation;
- (d) whether any proposed delegated powers in particular Bills or other legislation should be expressed as a power to make subordinate legislation;
- (e) any failure to lay an instrument in accordance with section 28(2), 30(2) or 31 of the 2010 Act;
- (f) proposed changes to the procedure to which subordinate legislation laid before the Parliament is subject;
- (g) any Scottish Law Commission Bill as defined in Rule 9.17A.1;
- (h) any draft proposal for a Scottish Law Commission Bill as defined in that Rule; and
- (i) any Consolidation Bill as defined in Rule 9.18.1 referred to it in accordance with Rule 9.18.3.

**Convenor:** Calum Kerr (SNP)

**Deputy Convenor:** (Green)

**Members:**

**Substitute members:**

## **Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee (S)**

**Remit:** To consider and report on matters within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport, with the exception of transport, on matters relating to public infrastructure, civil contingencies and resilience, and on matters relating to energy and energy consents.

**Convenor:** Duncan Massey (Reform)

**Deputy Convenor:** (Lab)

**Members:**

**Substitute members:**

## **Education and Gaelic Committee**

**Remit:** To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Education, Culture and Gaelic, with the exception of culture, and on matters relating to the Historical Abuse Inquiry, redress and languages.

**Convenor:** Karen Adam (SNP)

**Deputy Convenor:** (Lab)

**Members:**

**Substitute members:**

## Equalities and Human Rights Committee

**Remit:** to consider and report on the following (and any additional matter added under Rule 6.1.5A)—

- (a) matters relating to equal opportunities, and upon the observance of equal opportunities within the Parliament; and
- (b) matters relating to human rights.

2. In these Rules

- (a) “equal opportunities” includes the prevention, elimination or regulation of discrimination between persons on grounds of sex or marital status, on racial grounds or on grounds of disability, age, sexual orientation, language or social origin or of other personal attributes, including beliefs or opinions such as religious beliefs or political opinions; and
- (b) “human rights” includes Convention rights (within the meaning of section 1 of the Human Rights Act 1998) and other human rights as for example contained in any international convention, treaty or other international instrument ratified by the United Kingdom.

**Convenor:** Katie Hagmann (SNP)

**Deputy Convenor:** (Con)

**Members:**

**Substitute members:**

## Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

**Remit:** to consider and report on the following (and any additional matter added under Rule 6.1.5A)—

- (a) the Scottish Government’s EU and external affairs policy;
- (b) policy in relation to the UK’s exit from the EU;
- (c) the international activities of the Scottish Administration, including international development; and
- (d) any other matter falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture and any matter relating to inter-governmental relations within the responsibility of the Deputy First Minister.

**Convenor:** Patrick Harvie (Green)

**Deputy Convenor:** (Reform)

**Members:**

**Substitute members:**

## Finance and Public Administration Committee

**Remit:** to consider and report on the following (and any additional matter added under Rule 6.1.5A)—

- (a) any report or other document containing proposals for, or budgets of, public revenue or expenditure or proposals for the making of a Scottish rate resolution, taking into account any report or recommendations concerning such documents made by any other committee with power to consider such documents or any part of them;
- (b) any report made by a committee setting out proposals concerning public revenue or expenditure;
- (c) Budget Bills; and
- (d) any other matter relating to or affecting the revenue or expenditure of the Scottish Administration or other monies payable into or expenditure payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund.

2. The Committee may also consider and, where it sees fit, report to the Parliament on the timetable for the Stages of Budget Bills and on the handling of financial business.

3. In these Rules, “public expenditure” means expenditure of the Scottish Administration, other expenditure payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund and any other expenditure met out of taxes, charges and other public revenue.

To the remit set out in Rule 6.6 shall be added

— Any other matter falling within the responsibility of the Scottish Administration relating to the National Performance Framework, public inquiries, and public administration; and proposals for the formation and budgets of officeholders established by the Parliament.

**Convenor:** Claire Haughey (SNP)

**Deputy Convenor:** (SNP)

**Members:**

**Substitute members:**

## Health, Care and Sport Committee

**Remit:** To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Care, and on matters relating to sport.

**Convenor:** Helen McDade (Reform)

**Deputy Convenor:** (SNP)

**Members:**

**Substitute members:**

## **Public Audit Committee**

**Remit:** The Convener will be a member of the Scottish Labour Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party.

**Convener:** Neil Bibby (Lab)

**Deputy Convener:** (SNP)

**Members:**

**Substitute members:**

## **Public Petitions Committee**

**Remit:** The Convener will be a member of the Scottish Labour Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party.

**Convener:** Paul Sweeney (Lab)

**Deputy Convener:** (SNP)

**Members:**

**Substitute members:**

## **Public Service Reform Committee**

**Remit:** To consider and report on matters within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Public Service Reform.

**Convener:** Bob Doris (SNP)

**Deputy Convener:** (SNP)

**Members:**

**Substitute members:**

## **Rural Affairs Committee**

**Remit:** To consider and report on matters within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Rural Affairs, with the exception of climate action.

**Convener:** Mark Ruskell (Green)

**Deputy Convener:** (LD)

**Members:**

**Substitute members:**

## **Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee**

**Remit:** To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice and Housing, and on matters relating to local government within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government.

**Convenor:** Craig Hoy (Con)

**Deputy Convenor:** (Reform)

**Members:**

**Substitute members:**

## **Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee**

**Remit:** To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice and Housing, and on matters relating to local government within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government.

**Convenor:** Jenny Minto (SNP)

**Deputy Convenor:** (Con)

**Members:**

**Substitute members:**

## **Transport Committee**

**Remit:** To consider and report on matters relating to transport within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport.

**Convenor:** Willie Rennie (LD)

**Deputy Convenor:** (SNP)

**Members:**

**Substitute members:**

## Current number of Scottish Parliament committees

Committee type	Number
Mandatory	7
Subject	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

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